University in consultation with Ministry of Human Resource Developnwnt, with technical inputs regarding courses and curriculum provided by the Ministry of Civil Aviation as and when required.

Upgradation of non-metro airports

2581. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India (AAI) plans to upgrade and modernize seven out of thirty-five non-metro airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the airports;

(c) whether there is any proposal to modernize other non-metro airports by 2011-12; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has taken up upgradation/ modernisation work of 35 Non-Metro airports namely Agra, Agartala, Agatti, Ahmedabad, Amritsar, Aurangabad, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Coimbatore, Dehradun, Dimapur, Goa, Guwahati, Indore, Imphal, Jammu, Jaipur, Khajuraho, Lucknow, Madurai, Mangalore, Nagpur, Patna, Port Blair, Pune, Rajkot, Raipur, Ranchi, Trivandrum, Tricy, Udaipur, Vishakhapatnam, Varanasi and Vododara.

In addition, AAI plans to upgrade/ modernise 13 other non-metro airports namely Akola, Belgaum, Calicut, Cooch Behar, Dibrugarh, Gondia, Hubli, Kullu, Mysore, Rajahmundry, Srinagar, Surat and Vijayawada.

These project will be funded through AAI's internal resources and borrowings and are expected to be completed by 2010.

Accidents at airports due to birds

†2582. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investigation into the reasons of accidents happened at airports due to birds has been completed;

(b) the details of arrangements made at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) and other places in terms of the investigation; and

(c) whether no accident has happened after making the arrangements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) There have been no accidents at the airports due to bird hit. However, 304 bird hit cases were reported during the year 2008.

Upgradation of Umroi airport

2583. SHRI THOMAS SANGMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the action taken for the upgradation of the Umroi airport near Shillong;

(b) whether the Government has any plan to operate air services from Shillong to Kolkata or other airports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) have undertaken upgradation of the Umroi airport near Shillong for A-321 type of aircraft operations. A new Terminal building is under construction. Expansion of runways and other facilities will be taken up subject to availability of land from the State Government.

(b) and (c) Domestic airlines Operators are free to operate anywhere in India including from the Umroi airport depending upon their commercial viability, traffic potential and available infrastructure at airports but subject to compliance of the route dispersal guidelines issued by the Government.

Complaints against airport operator in Delhi

2584. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has received complaints that airport operator in Delhi is creating a deliberate delay by making planes take off from far end of airport rather than use runways near the departure;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to review the design of airport having runways in distant parts;

(d) whether DGCA is aware of such lax operational tendencies at Delhi airport; and

(e) the steps proposed to examine and enquire into this faulty design and endless problems of delay and ensure that land is first used for runways and then for commercial real estate ambitions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has prepared master plan for development of Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) as per the Operation, Maintenance and Development Agreement (OMDA), which is approved by the Ministry. There has been no complaint regarding lax operational tendencies of Delhi Airport.

Emergency landing at Nagpur

2585. PROF. P. J. KURIEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state: